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1. [redacted] Soviet patrol vessel BO-192 was sighted close to the shore on the west side of Bursari Island (N 60-05, E 27-00). Soviet patrol vessel [redacted] with a launch alongside, was at anchor about one nautical mile off Leningrad Lightship. When [redacted] ship passed the vessel, it weighed anchor and followed [redacted] vessel as far as the entrance to Leningrad harbor.
2. A net barrage, suspended from about 60 black buoys, was moored off Kronshtadt harbor, and a boom barrage, folded together, was located close to the island. Informant believed that the two barrages could be laid out across the channel on short notice. No boom defense vessel was seen. Low wooden huts, manned by sentries in long dark coats, were observed on a broad dam close to the barrage. 25X1
3. The quay wall of Kronshtadt harbor, which extended along the channel, was still damaged in three places. Small wooden huts, apparently billets for guard details, with single naval sentries in front of them, were observed at intervals of 100 to 150 meters on the quay wall. Searchlights were located at the entrances to the harbor.
4. [redacted] vessels in the harbor at Kronshtadt: 25X1
 - a. Six large submarines.
 - b. Four medium-sized submarines, each with one gun on the fantail. 25X1
 - c. The cruiser AVRORA [redacted]
 - d. Six destroyers; each destroyer had two stacks, and two gun turrets on the fantail. 25X1
 - e. Two cruisers painted dark gray. Each cruiser had two turrets on the foredeck. 25X1

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- f. One battleship of the GANGUT Class.
- g. One sailship.
- h. Two icebreakers.
- i. A large naval vessel with two stacks, which were located close together. Many workmen were observed aboard this ship. Rust spots were being removed and a new coat of paint applied. There were scaffolds on the foredeck, on the bridge superstructure, and on the ship's sides.

Legend to the Sketch of Kronshtadt Harbor:

- 1. Net barrage suspended from about 60 buoys.
- 2. Six large submarines.
- 3. Four medium-sized submarines, each carrying one gun on the fantail.
- 4. Cruiser AVRORA
- 5. Six, identical, two-stack destroyers, each with two gun turrets on the afterdeck.
- 6. Two dark gray cruisers, each with two stacks and two gun turrets on the foredeck.
- 7. A GANGUT Class battleship.
- 7a. A large naval vessel with two straight stacks, which were located close together. The ship was being scraped and painted.
- 8. A barque.
- 9. Two icebreakers.
- 10. Approximate position of three or four cranes.
- 11. A long, yellow, single-story building.

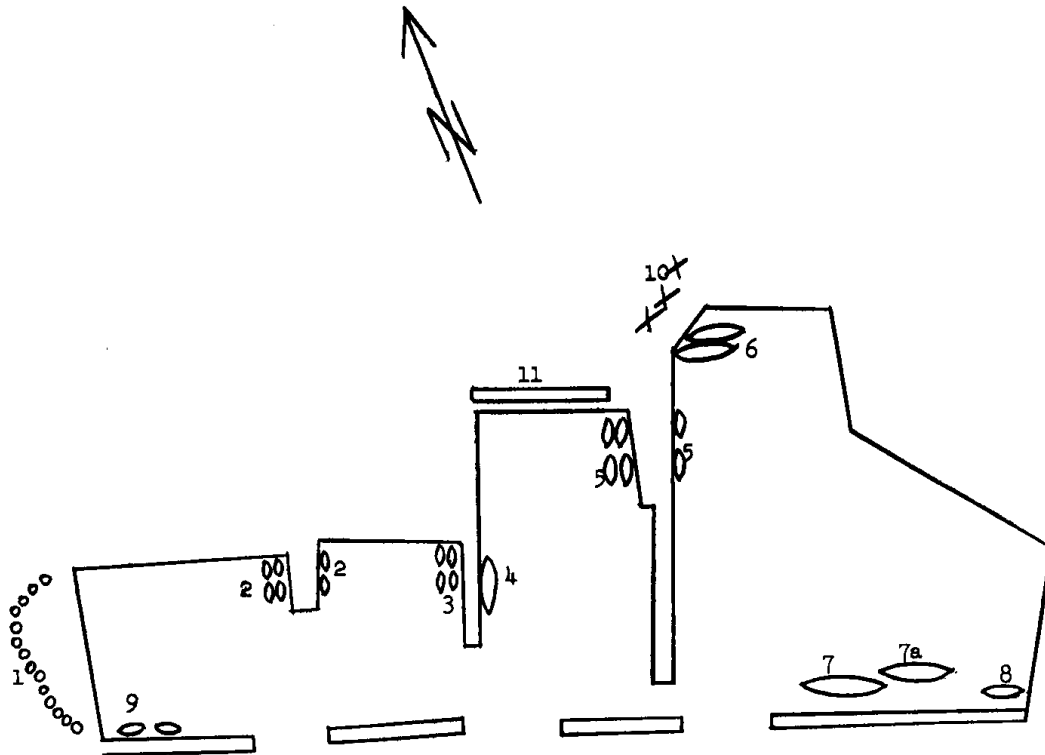
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Sketch of Kronshtadt Harbor



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